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SUBJECT: INMARSAT CONFERENCE, SECOND SESSION: INTERIM
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SUMMARY: COMMITTEE ON INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS RESUMED
DISCUSSION ON ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN PREPARATORY
COMMITTEE, DATE FOR FIRST MEETING, AND WORK TO BE
ACOMPLISHED. END SUMMARY.

1. GROUP ACCEPTED US PROPOSAL THAT WOULD PERMIT PARTIC-
IPATION FOR THOSE WHO HAD SIGNED CONVENTION AND OPERATING
AGREEMENT AND THOSE WHOSE GOVERNMENTS HAD INDICATED
THEIR INTENTION TO INITIATE DOMESTIC PROCEDURES WHICH
WOULD PERMIT MEMBERSHIP IN INMARSAT. GROUP UNABLE TO
REACH AGREEMENT ON WHEN FIRST MEETING OF COMMITTEE
WOULD BE HELD, ALTHOUGH PREPONDERANT VIEW IS IN EARLY
SEPTEMBER 1974. US SPOKESMAN MADE CLEAR HIS INABILITY
TO AGREE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY PREPARATORY COMMITTEE,
ALTHOUGH WE HAVE PROPOSED THAT CERTAIN WORK BE UNDER-
TAKEN; HIS INABILITY TO STATE WHETHER US WOULD PARTIC-
IPATE; AND HIS INABILITY TO COMMIT USG TO ASSUME ANY
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COST ASSOCIATED WITH COMMITTEE.

2. COMMITTEE CONTINUED EXAMINATION CONF DOC 20 AND
REVISED PARAS 6.4 THROUGH 6.8 OF DRAFT RESOLUTION
ATTACHED THERETO AS FOLLOWS:

A. STUDY PERFORMANCE STANDARDS OF LAND AND SHIP EARTH
STATIONS, INCLUDING SHIP EARTH STATION RELIABILITY,
OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES, AND INTERCONNECTION WITH PUBLIC
TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE
POE REPORT, STUDIES OF CCIR AND CCITT, THE EXPERIENCE
OBTAINED FROM THE OPERATION OF EXISTING SYSTEMS,
SYSTEMS UNDER DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER RELEVANT STUDIES,

B. STUDY THE ORGANIZATION'S SPACE SEGMENT FACILITIES
OPTIONS, INCLUDING:

(1) STUDIES OF SERVICES WHICH MIGHT BE OFFERED BY
THE ORGANIZATION AND AN ASSESSMENT OF THE POTENTIAL
MARKET,

(2) TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATION OF
PARAMETERS FOR DRAFT SPECIFICATIONS OF AN INMARSAT
SPACE SEGMENT,

(3) EVALUATION OF TRAFFIC AND ECONOMIC FORECASTS,

(4) SUCH OTHER STUDIES AS MIGHT BE CONSIDERED
NECESSARY.

3. PARA 2(B) SUPRA IS LOGICAL PLACE FOR REFERENCE
TO US RESOLUTIONS CONCERNED WITH RADIODETERMINATION AND
AERONAUTICAL MARITIME SATELLITE PLANNING STUDIES IF
ACCEPTED BY PLENARY.

4. ALTHOUGH WORKING GROUP AGREED PREPARATORY COMMITTEE
EXISTED ONLY TO ASSIST COUNCIL AND THAT ANY WORK UNDER-
TAKEN WAS INTENDED ONLY FOR THE COUNCIL, THERE IS
SENTIMENT (AUSTRALIA, INDIA, NORWAY) FOR COMMITTEE'S
WORK TO HAVE IMPACT ON DECISION TO REPLENISH MARISAT
FACILITIES WHICH WE ARE TOLD MUST BE MADE IN 1977
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US HAS STRONGLY REJECTED IDEA THAT THIS COMMITTEE'S
WORK SHOULD IN ANY FORMAL WAY BE USED IN DISCUSSIONS
WITH MARISAT SPONSORS.

5. WG BEGAN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF COSTS OF PRE-
PARATORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND STUDIES. THERE WAS
GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE EXPECTED
TO PROVIDE STAFF. AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE, TO PREPARE

AND DISTRIBUTE STUDIES. IMCO SECRETARIAT WAS ASKED
TO IDENTIFY CMST OF PREMISES FOR FIRST MEETING AND
SUPPORTING STAFF. THESE COSTS WOULD BE BILLED TO
PARTICIPANTS IN A MANNER NOT YET DETERMINED.

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